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SUBJECT: TFC: TOXICOLOGICAL TESTING FOR AGRICULTURAL
CHEMICALS

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1. ROHM AND HAAS CASE WAS DISCUSSED BY U.S. PARTICIPANTS
IN TSG CHEMICAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON JULY 13. ACCORDING TO
INFORMATION PRESENTED AT THAT TIME, MAFF'S DIRECTIVE CON-
CERNING IMPORT OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS HAS BEEN RECENTLY
AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR "PARTIAL" SUBSTITUTION OF FOREIGN FOR
DOMESTIC DATA. U.S. INDUSTRY REPS HERE STATED THAT MAFF
OFFICIALS HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN DEFINING "PARTIAL" FOR
DAY TO DAY USE, BUT THAT THE JAPAN AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL
ASSOCIATION HAS INTERPRETED PARTIAL SUBSTITUTION AS MEAN-
ING:

- - ACCEPTANCE OF DATA FROM NEUTRAL INSTITUTIONS WITH
- PROPER FACILITIES
- - REQUIREMENT THAT REASONS FOR NOT CARRYING OUT A
- PARTICULAR TEST IN JAPAN BE ATTACHED TO THE PRODUCTS
- APPLICATION

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- - REQUIREMENT THAT FOREIGN TESTING MUST MEET
- "JAPANESE STANDARDS"
- - STIPULATION THAT ACUTE TOXICITY, MUTAGENICITY, AND
- SUB-ACUTE TOXICITY TEST MUST BE PERFORMED IN JAPAN.

2. WHILE U.S. REPS IN TOKYO ARE TROUBLED BY ABOVE CONDITIONS (PARTICULARLY THE LAST TWO), THERE WAS AGREEMENT AMONG THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT FACTUAL MATERIAL CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS IS NOT CONCLUSIVE ENOUGH AT THIS POINT TO JUSTIFY AN IMMEDIATE APPROACH TO THE GOJ THROUGH EITHER TSG OR TFC. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS DECIDED TO ASSEMBLE MORE MATERIAL ON THIS SUBJECT OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, WITH THE INTENT TO PRESENT A WELL-SUPPORTED CASE FOR TSG CONSIDERATION IN SEPTEMBER.

3. CONCERNING REFERENCE TO IBTL, IN PARA 3 OF REFTL, WE BELIEVE SOME CLARIFICATION IS IN ORDER. TOKYO REPRESENTATIVE OF MONSANTO CHEMICAL BROUGHT IBTL MATTER TO OUR ATTENTION. WE ARE NOT AWARE HERE OF ANY IMPLICATIONS OF IBTL DIFFICULTIES FOR ROHM AND HAAS CASE AND WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING IF ROHM AND HAAS EMPLOYED IBTL IN CONDUCTING TOXICITY OR MUTAGENICITY TESTS. AS STATED IN TOKYO 9927, OUR INFORMANT FROM MONSANTO MADE NO CLAIM THAT INVALIDATION OF IBTL TEST DATA WAS BEING USED AS A TRADE BARRIER. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DETAILED INFO FROM EPA ON IBTL AFFAIR, WHICH WE WILL PASS ON TO U. S. COMPANIES AS NECESSARY. MANSFIELD

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